

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, July 22, 2008 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 5**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (194 new fires)
New large fires:	5
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires:	41
Area Command Teams committed:	3
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	10
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

A NIMO Team (Cable) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Four MAFFS C-130 air tankers are supporting the State of California. All aircraft are based at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Mike Barkdull, 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Two aircraft are provided by the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina and two from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada are providing 59 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. Canada is also providing two crews to California.

Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires:	27
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	22
Area Command Teams committed:	3
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Transfer of command from Area Command Team (Loach) to Area Command Team (Lohrey). The Team is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests. NIMO Team (Whitney) is supporting the ONCC Multi-Agency Coordinating Group. Area Command Team (Anderson) is managing fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests.

Iron and Alps Complexes (6 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior, backing with occasional torching and spotting. Several communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Lime Complex (10 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Hughes). Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Increased fire behavior with short runs, single and group tree torching and short-range spotting. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened.

Canyon Complex (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Backing fire with isolated upslope runs. Communities and archeological sites threatened.

Soda Complex, Mendocino NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Fiorella) and Cal Fire (Bradley). Fifteen miles northwest of Upper Lake, CA. Timber. Active surface fire. Residences threatened.

Hell's Half, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry). Eight miles southwest of Burnt Ranch, CA. Timber. Moderate surface fire and backing fire with isolated single tree torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Ukonom Complex, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs, single and group tree torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Siskiyou Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Swartzlander) to IMT 1 (Dietrich) yesterday. Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Moderate surface fire with isolated torching. Structures and cultural sites threatened. Forest road, campground and trail closures in effect.

BTU Lightning Complex, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Morris). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Increased fire activity with slow rates of spread.

SHU Lightning Complex, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen). Shasta and Trinity counties, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

American River Complex, Tahoe NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Muir) back to local unit tomorrow. Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching. Area, trail and road closures in effect.

Blue 2, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with upslope runs, torching and spotting. Cultural sites threatened.

Bear Wallow Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs and spotting. Recommended evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	59,344	2,190	60	8/15	1,476	-367	37	105	6	2	26.3M	FS
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	102,460	9,593	65	8/15	1,486	67	29	76	9	2	33.2M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	37,438	644	78	7/31	1,354	-53	31	77	7	3	31.6M	FS
Soda Complex	CA	MNF	8,590	9	85	7/26	878	23	25	34	8	4	13.4M	FS
Hell's Half	CA	SRF	12,598	730	70	7/24	631	-34	12	35	3	1	10.9M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	27,188	2,033	22	9/15	729	23	15	28	3	0	11.9M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	52,800	2,800	36	8/8	990	20	26	47	5	0	16.6M	FS
BTU Lightning Complex	CA	BTU	59,440	4,200	90	7/24	1,615	-91	39	101	14	82	72.2M	ST

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
SHU Lightning Complex	CA	SHU	86,500	0	95	7/25	1,614	-92	46	91	0	22	50.7M	ST
American River Complex	CA	TNF	20,541	0	90	8/1	701	0	14	28	7	2	21.1M	FS
Blue 2	CA	SRF	4,688	141	22	8/12	360	-3	8	14	3	0	NR	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	3,686	996	0	8/15	122	1	3	1	3	0	884K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 15
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Cold Springs, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with group tree torching. Cultural sites threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cold Springs	WA	GPF	7,980	0	85	8/1	1,051	-45	33	27	4	0	6.7M	FS
Spokane Valley	WA	NES	1,006	0	100	---	85	-55	1	6	0	21	2.9M	ST

NES – Northeast Region, WA DNR

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 15
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

Basin Complex, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hutchinson). Five miles southeast of Big Sur, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Active fire behavior, backing with upslope runs and isolated torching. Communities threatened. Voluntary evacuations in effect.

Gap, Los Padres NF. Six miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Basin Complex	CA	LPF	137,260	3,142	72	7/30	2,068	-47	58	130	11	58	66.0M	FS
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	97	7/28	47	0	2	1	1	4	20.9M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 47
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 5
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Evans Road, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Florida IMT 2 (Utley). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Ground fire in deep organic soils. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

South 1, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Increased fire activity, smoldering and flare-ups.

Well 35, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-six miles west of Mineral Wells, TX. Chaparral. Active fire behavior.

Bradley Ranch, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twelve and a half miles southwest of Weatherford, TX. Grass, shrubs and oak. Active fire behavior.

Maenius, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles northwest of Blanco, TX. Cedar, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Evans Road	NC	NCS	40,704	-849	75	8/31	277	1	0	41	1	4	15.3M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	7/31	93	-12	2	5	1	0	8.4M	FWS
Well 35	TX	TXS	2,500	100	70	UNK	14	-25	0	2	1	0	NR	PRI
* Bradley Ranch	TX	TXS	800	---	90	UNK	11	---	0	1	1	0	NR	PRI
Maenius	TX	TXS	500	50	90	UNK	2	-13	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 18
New large fires: 3
Uncontained large fires: 1
Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Mill Hollow - WFU, Ashley NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Eighteen miles north of Helper, UT. Timber. Creeping, backing and smoldering.

Rush Creek, Payette NF. Fifty miles east of McCall, ID. Timber. Creeping with occasional torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mill Hollow – WFU	UT	ASF	689	0	N/A	N/A	118	0	5	2	1	0	437K	FS
* Rush Creek	ID	PAF	200	---	0	10/15	1	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Con Shea	ID	BOD	500	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Spud	ID	TFD	400	---	100	---	39	---	0	5	4	0	NR	BLM
Dry Wash	UT	FIF	321	---	100	---	44	-8	2	0	0	0	37K	FS

BOD – Boise District, BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

FIF – Fish Lake NF

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Callaghan, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. Fourteen miles northeast of Austin, NV. Juniper and brush. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

Burn Canyon, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. Thirteen and a half miles northeast of Paradise Hill, NV. Timber. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Callaghan	NV	BMD	1,100	0	85	7/23	164	11	3	10	2	0	NR	BLM
* Burn Canyon	NV	WID	750	---	50	7/22	88	---	3	3	0	0	NR	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 33
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Oxyoke, Pike and San Isabel NF. Twenty miles west of Castle Rock, CO. Logging slash. Smoldering with slow rates of spread. Residences, campgrounds and watersheds threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Grand Complex (2 fires), Grand Mesa NF. Twenty miles southeast of Grand Junction, CO. Brush and grass. Smoldering. Monitor status. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Oxyoke	CO	PSF	110	10	50	7/22	114	90	3	22	0	0	NR	FS
Grand Complex	CO	GMF	1,632	0	NR	UNK	23	0	0	0	1	0	800K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Cactus, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Eleven miles east of Butte, MT. Creeping fire and smoldering. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cactus	MT	CES	650	30	65	7/23	108	16	1	1	2	0	NR	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected today over portions of northern California, eastern areas of Oregon and Washington, Eastern Great Basin and the Rockies. Drier air will begin pushing into the rest of California and Nevada.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Ash Pit Hazards

Ash pits are an inherent and invisible risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when organic combustibles are consumed underground and empty space is created that is undetectable from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
 - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
 - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
 - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment, i.e., old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
 - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris, i.e., beaver holes near dams and stream beds, badger and coyote dens.
 - White ash, which is sometimes an indicator of heat, as are groups of hovering insects.

- Mitigation measures to consider:
 - Identify high-risk landscape.
 - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3			4	8	15
	ACRES		0			2	2	4
Northern California	FIRES	5	1			19	2	27
	ACRES	8	9			210	2,609	2,836
Southern California	FIRES					13	2	15
	ACRES					2	3,144	3,146
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			7	4	12
	ACRES		74			81	1	156
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			9	3	18
	ACRES		1,045			1	1	1,047
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6				1	7
	ACRES		777				0	777
Southwest	FIRES	13					2	15
	ACRES	10					2	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	3			20	7	33
	ACRES	0	1			55	0	56
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES					46	1	47
	ACRES					2,223	40	2,263
TOTAL	FIRES	21	20	0	0	123	30	194
	ACRES	18	1,906	0	0	2,578	5,799	10,301

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		12	15	1	266	2	296
	ACRES		720	1,230	0	54,246	0	56,196
Northwest	FIRES	187	80	4	12	369	348	1,000
	ACRES	10,421	53,137	1,397	2	6,616	3,967	75,540
Northern California	FIRES	110	15	5	22	1,972	649	2,773
	ACRES	111	26	161	6,427	274,733	324,249	605,707
Southern California	FIRES	41	76	11	15	2,424	294	2,861
	ACRES	316	2,598	863	11	13,930	272,481	290,199
Northern Rockies	FIRES	814	33	9	2	484	225	1,567
	ACRES	9,599	1,044	4,510	5	42,379	712	58,249
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	27	221	2	9	218	153	630
	ACRES	457	4,276	493	133	6,927	4,386	16,672
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	152	2	10	45	32	249
	ACRES	10	11,127	1	4	3,157	50	14,349
Southwest	FIRES	579	198	6	44	659	679	2,165
	ACRES	20,619	80,932	347	926	263,250	91,410	457,484
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	323	154	23	16	374	186	1,076
	ACRES	943	1,500	2,003	289	109,788	1,797	116,320
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		12	18	7,235	274	7,854
	ACRES	1,899		251	264	46,095	1,695	50,204
Southern Area	FIRES	750		175	50	30,641	485	32,101
	ACRES	52,576		18,716	53,707	1,458,529	36,201	1,619,729
TOTAL	FIRES	3,154	941	264	199	44,687	3,327	52,572
	ACRES	96,951	155,360	29,972	61,768	2,279,650	736,948	3,360,649

Ten Year Average Fires	49,683
Ten Year Average Acres	3,291,232

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	42						42
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2,500	2,500
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	0	3	5
	ACRES	42	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,542

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	35	13	3		98	159
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,376	27,531
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	12	6	107	175
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	4,464	28,994
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	16	55	5	24	147	255
	ACRES	521	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,380
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	21	5	7	14	49	99
	ACRES	200	2,925	346	700	2,290	11,656	18,117
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	21	60	9	12		126	228
	ACRES	2,880	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,809	106,272
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	25	28	105	17	44	111	330
	ACRES	2,679	2,627	18,415	4,438	5,330	33,263	66,752
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		413	21	796	117	1,392
	ACRES	30,265		56,407	1,096	57,011	33,843	178,622
Southern Area	FIRES	25		63	82	371	830	1,371
	ACRES	14,613		42,913	60,846	231,477	864,411	1,214,260
TOTAL	FIRES	162	179	680	169	1,270	1,718	4,178
	ACRES	54,008	52,419	172,039	70,297	302,417	1,050,005	1,701,185

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	15	5	1		27
	ACRES		2,535	15,477	1,034	3		19,049
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						3,312	3,312
Southern California	FIRES				8		6	14
	ACRES				28		9,674	9,702
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				1		71	72
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				0		701	701
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		81		0		21	102
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,615	10,727
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		2	9
	ACRES		201		0		1,403	1,604
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,544	1,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	13	17	21	1	42	94
	ACRES	0	2,817	15,478	1,175	3	27,341	46,814

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	7	73	924	9,556
Yukon Territory	0	0	55	15,027
Alberta	11	947	1,076	7,877
Northwest Territory	1	0	120	40,962
Saskatchewan	1	18,890	529	700,487
Manitoba	1	1	328	104,940
Ontario	2	10	158	393
Quebec	2	40	151	1,273
Newfoundland	0	975	88	3,210
New Brunswick	2	3	139	128
Nova Scotia	0	0	223	2,573
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	0	55	496
Total	28	20,939	3,846	886,924

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